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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: L. Wong  
PONAKALA et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/465,402 )  
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Filed: December 17, 1999 )  
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For: N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- $\alpha$ - )  
Aspartyl]-L-Phenylalanine 1-methyl : May 21, 2002  
ester as a Sweetener in Chewing  
Gum

10/9/02  
5/28/02

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

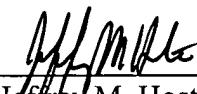
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Continued Prosecution Application Request in connection with the above-referenced application. In order for such request to be effective, Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the final rejection dated November 28, 2001. Please deduct the extension fee of \$920.00, and any other necessary fees, from Deposit Account 14-1451.

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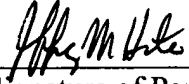
  
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